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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

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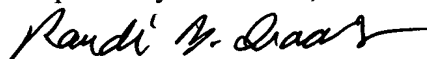
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